



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sethuraman et al.				§ §	Group Art Unit: U Examiner: Unkno		
Serial No. 09/779,123				§ §	Atty. Dkt. No. 5298	8-02502	
Filed: For:	February 7, 2001  PLANARIZED SEMICONDUCTOR INTERCONNECT TOPOGRAPHY AND METHOD FOR POLISHING A METAL LAYER TO FORM INTERCONNECT			<i>๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛</i>	I hereby certify that this correwith the U.S. Postal Service as Fi addressed to: Assistant Commissi D.C. 20231, on the date indicated by Date Kevin L. D	oner for Patents, Washington,	
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5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:				
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